

# CLOSE TO JESUS

## Leader Conversation Guide—Seated at the Table

### Main Idea

In this week's message, Pastor Micahn continued our "Close to Jesus" series by sharing the powerful truth that there is always room for us at Jesus' table. All of us want to be included, accepted, and secure, and the culture's way of attaining this kind of security is to fight for a seat at the table. In that fight, we often find ourselves feeling entitled, exhausted, embarrassed, or excluded. Instead of engaging in that fight with the rest of culture, Jesus invites us to find security in the way of the Kingdom. He freely offers us a seat at His table, where there is enough room for everyone. At Jesus' table, there is no comparison, competition, or shame. When we receive His salvation, we can forever find rest at His table and inclusion in His family. Let's commit to "building a bigger table" and make room for others to find peace and security in Him, too!

### Make It Practical

- We can build a bigger table by serving, leading a Small Group, or participating in an outreach project.
- We can build a bigger table by giving.
- We can build a bigger table by attending Saturday Morning Prayer and praying for the lost.
- We can build a bigger table by including, forgiving, and inviting others.

**“...What I'm saying is, If you walk around all high and mighty, you're going to end up flat on your face. But if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself.' Then He turned to the host. 'The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You'll be—and experience—a blessing. They won't be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned!—at the resurrection of God's people.’”**

*Luke 14:10-14 MSG*

## Talk About It

1. Pastor Micahn said there's no comparison or competition at Jesus' table. What do you feel like you're fighting for, or against, that keeps you from resting in the seat Jesus has given you?
2. As a group, discuss ways culture keeps us distracted from security in Jesus. What do you need to set aside so you can truly rest in your seat at Jesus' table?
3. What are some practical ways you can help build a bigger table? With Easter Sunday around the corner, discuss ways you can invite others to "come to the table."

**“The goal of the culture is to be the last man standing.  
The goal of the Kingdom is to build a bigger table.”**

## Prayer

Jesus, thank You loving us and offering us a seat at Your table. Help us to find our security in You and to be free from lies of comparison, competition, and shame. We will not strive for our own seat in this world, but instead, humbly receive our place at Your table. Give us opportunities to help build a bigger table and invite others to take their seat with You.

## Leader Tips

- This week, encourage your group members to go through the Growth Track, if they haven't already. Share how helping "build a bigger table" has impacted your life, and encourage your group members to take their next steps!

